City of Baker
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DARNELL WAITES

CITY OF BAKER PUBLIC HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATE 2020-4
May 7, 2020

WHEREAS, ***pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of Mayor of the City of Baker, by City of Baker Charter, Article III, Sections 3-01 and 3-07; Article II, Sections 9-31 and 9-32; Article VI, Section 14-55 and other respective Louisiana laws, Parish Ordinances and Baker Ordinances, and due to the apparent imminent threats and dangers posed to the health and safety of the citizens of Baker by the COVID-19 virus which have created emergency conditions within the city of Baker, and consistent with and as an update to the City of Baker Emergency Declaration issued on March 16, 2020 as well as subsequent published Updates, and consistent with CDC and State of Louisiana Guidelines and/or Orders, and in observance of the most recent extention of the Stay at Home Order issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on or about April 27,2020****:*

I, DARNELL WAITES, Mayor of the City of Baker, do hereby Extend and Amend the most recent City of Baker Covid-19 Orders as follows:

Public access to all City of Baker public meeting places shall remain closed and it is ordered that all Public Meetings remain cancelled and/or postponed until appropriate accommodations and further notice have been made.

It continues to be urgently recommended that all Baker citizens and/or visitors to this City remain sheltered in place in compliance with CDC and Sate of Louisiana Guidelines and/or Orders until further notice, in order to continue to avoid and reduce the chance of contracting the COVID-19 infection which continues to cause confirmed deaths.

Due to the fact that the COVID-19 virus has infected many and has caused the death of citizens across East Baton Rouge Parish and within the City of Baker, I as Mayor of the City of Baker with the strongest urgency highly recommend and insist that all Baker citizens and/or visitors to this City continue to refrain from any and all private and public gatherings of more than 10 people.

In order to avoid or reduce COVID-19 infections and/or death and for the safety of all citizens, I as Mayor of the City of Baker continue to strongly urge and highly recommend that all gatherings in the City of Baker, including but not limited to, in home or outdoor parties, visits and barbecues etc., and all other group recreational activities cease until further notice.

Regarding all businesses classified as 'essential' by Governor John Bel Edwards which are currently operating and conducting business within the City of Baker, in order to avoid or reduce COVID-19 infections and/or death and for the safety of all business customers and citizens, I as Mayor of the City of Baker with the strongest urgency highly recommend and insist that all 'essential business' owners require their employees to wear CDC recommended masks while at work and that they encourage and/or require customers who must come into the presence of 'essential business' employees and customers who physically enter the place of business do the same, until further notice.

Further and moreover, I, as Mayor of the City of Baker am in full agreement with the CDC and the Louisiana Department of Health and I therefore strongly urge and encourage every citizen and visitor to wear a mask at all times when in public in the City of Baker.

Meanwhile, Remain Informed, Vigilant, Disciplined and Calm. For more updates and information visit our website: www.cityofbakerla.com

Darnell Waites, Mayor